

Commissioners of St. Mary's County Meeting Minutes (Tuesday, February 8, 2022)
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Members present

Commissioner President James R. Guy
Commissioner Eric Colvin
Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt
Commissioner Todd B. Morgan
Commissioner John E. O'Connor
David Weiskopf, County Attorney, Acting Co-County Administrator
ALisa Casas, Communications Director, Public Information Office

Commissioner President Guy called the business meeting of the Commissioners of St. Mary's County to order at 9:03 a.m. in the Chesapeake Building Meeting Room, Governmental Center.

Approval of Consent Agenda

I move to approve the Consent Agenda, which includes the Minutes of February 1, 2022, as presented.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

2. PRESENTATION

A. Annual Recognition for Citizen Members of Boards, Committees and Commissions

The following individuals were recognized for their participation on Boards, Committees and Commissions.

Adult Public Guardianship Review Board

Mike Brown, Dr. Joseph L. DeVitis, Sherry L. Pierce, Kathleen Werner Dr. Rene E. Grace

Agriculture, Seafood and Forestry Board

James B. Norris, Kaitlin M. Fraer, Phil Langley, Michael Sirk, Joseph W. Wood, Richard A. Polk, Bonnie Browne, Stephen T. Reeves, Scott C. Bacon, Philip Dorsey, Charlie W. Mattingly

Airport Advisory Committee

Steven Palmer, Gerald Edward Meyerman, George C. Hill, Henri C. T. Sahut, Albert R. Babcock, Robert M. Lightstone, James E. Alexander, Bryan Barthelme, Jr, Robert Zaorski

Animal Control Advisory Board

Rita Weaver, Dr. David Langford, Melissa Carnes, Dr. Patricia M. Richardson, Melinda Brown, Steven Tuttle, Diane Harris, Susan Morris, Cesar Afanador

Board of Appeals

Rich Richardson, Ronald Payne, Sr., Guy V. Bradley, III, Daniel F. Ichniowski, John E. Brown, Wayne Miedzinski, Lynn Delahay

Board of Trustees Museum Division

Michael L. Blackwell, Robin Finnacom, Victor Govier, Dr. Catherine A. Bowes, Laura Ab Friess, Dr. Walter D. Boswell, Michael D. Brown, Karla A. Langhus, Amy M. Davis, Lynn Fitrell, Mary J. Pettit, Dr. Regina M. Faden

Building Code Board of Appeals

James Danny Johnson, Wayne P. Hunt, Michael J. Mummaugh, Donald Haskin, Stephen Wilson

Commission for Women

Stephanie M. Storm, Carolyn L. Guy, Catherine A. Stewart, Marta Kelsey, Juanita Nether, Norma Pipkin, Katherine M. Stone, Taylor R. Spencer, Kimberly Bannister, Jazmine A. Bottoms, Kathleen Weiner

Commission on Aging

Christine M. Morgan, Thomas J. Ridley Jr., Janet Newman, Marie A. Bennett, Rowena N. Bossio, Carolyn L. Guy, Veda Willis, Catherine L. Buckler, Omonigho O. Olomese, Janet J. Perryman, Virginia Morris, Dr. Walter D. Boswell, Gail Murdock

Commission on People with Disabilities

Sheryl St. Clair, Kegan Zimmerman, Ian Fairclough, John B. Stober, Jr., Brad Hamlet, Philip E. Horne, Susie Fowler, Jennifer Rudolph, Jaclyn Hall, Barbara G. Hess

Commission on the Environment

Scott F. Clark, Cristina V. Perez, Thomas Brewer, Molly Boron, Norman L. Dean, Jr., George Thompson, Kristen Whitesell, Melissa R. Rodriguez

Economic Development Commission

Trisha R. Post, John Barr, Jr., Phil Langley, Philip Dorsey, Lisa Creason, Elizabeth C. Torgerson, Gerald Edward Meyerman, Theresa A. Mitchell, Barbara Ives, Tristan J. Marino, Tom Sanders, Laura Clarke, Curtis Brown, Dr. Dale L. Moore, Brooke Higgs-Turner

Electrical Examiners Board

James Danny Johnson, Robert Spence, Ronald L. Phetteplace, Ron Derby, Donald Haskin

Elms Advisory Committee

Charles Cameron, George Baroniak

Emergency Services Board

Mock Mattingly, III, Gary Bell, Nick Harrison, Hattie Norris, Ken Hicks, Shawn Davidson, Jason Adams, CP Miedzinski, J. A. Nelson, Carol Boehm, Ernest Rogers, Rocky Woodburn, Stephen Facini, Jessica Myers

Ethics Commission

David L. Willenborg, Dr. Joseph L. DeVitis, Kathleen Mcclernan-Walz, Rev. Lawrence H. Crabtree, Joseph I. Russell, Jean-Marie H. Hansen

Family Violence Coordinating Council

Rev. Lawrence H. Crabtree, Tania Ceasar, Kathleen Werner, Katherine M. Stone, Taylor R. Spencer

Historic Preservation Commission

Robert J. Hurry, Mary C. McKay, Teresa Wilson, Ginger A. Newman-Askew, Eve Love, Kent Randell, Anibal Delgado, Craig R. Lukezic

Housing Authority Board

Joshua Brewster, Natalie JM Weech, Tina Dean, Erin M. Ramos, Roy Alvey, Alexis Zoss, Michael Bellis

Human Relations Commission

Max E. Levasseur, Joshua Brewster, Cheremie Frisby-Spencer, Sean M. Wickers, Amy M. Davis, Ashley M. Raley, Adrienne M. Dillahunt, Jesus Godinez, Vante Burkes, Joanna Colvin, Steve Hall

Length of Service Award Program

Mr. John A. Walters, Mary Ann Murray

Library Board of Trustees

John D. Johnston, Thomas M. Russell, John A. Walters, Sandra P. Hauenstein, Carolyn Guy, Michael Dunn, Tressa Setlak, James Hanley, Janice Walthour

Local Management Board

Anna N. Cotton, Troy E. Cowan, Celia Engel

Metropolitan Commission

Planning Commission

Robert Russell, Joseph I. Russell, Rudolph K. Fairfax Jr., Gerald Edward Meyerman, Keith S. Dugan, Dale Antosh, George Thompson, Roy Alvey

Planning Commission

Joseph A. St. Clair, Kim Summers, Merl Evans, Joseph L. Van Kirk, William R. Hall, III, Patricia Robrecht, James Howard Thompson, Joseph C. Fazekas

Plumbing Gas Fuel Board

John A. Fluhart, Daniel Garrison, Richard Montgomery

Property Tax Assessment Appeal Board

Karin Bailey, Max E. Levasseur, Joseph Gardner

Recreation and Parks Board

Glenn A. Larnerd, Jr., Patrick Murphy, Donald A. Degraives, Sr., Fred J. Parker, Gregory E. Weaver, Kathryn B. Weatherly, Chanda Norton, Joshua Shaffer, Christine M. Kaila

Redistricting Committee

Dr. Patricia M. Richardson, Lance Johnson, Paul M. Thompson, Matthew A. Burgan, Richard A. Johnson

Retiree Benefit Trust of St. Mary's County

Scott R. Ostrow, Mary Ann Murray

Sheriff's Office Retirement Plan Board

John A. Walters

Social Services Board

Kyle Bishop, Anthony V. Branch, Sr., Thomas A. Hedderich, Michael L. Blackwell, Adam L. Dyson, Jeffrey Gibson, Annette Wood, Richard Buckler, Lynn Fitrell, Alycia E. Stack

Transportation Advisory Committee

Guy V. Bradley, III, Adam L. Dyson, Lemuel Proctor, William Hill

Tri-County Animal Shelter Advisory Board

Brooke Higgs-Turner, Makalya M. Daras, Diane Harris, Robert S. Mcgann

Wicomico Shores Golf Course Advisory Board

Thomas Eicholtz, Terry Black, Patrick E. Dugan, Peter Delman, Gregory E. Weaver, David Phalen, Jim Hodges, Bernard T. Kneeland, Jr.

Youth Advisory Committee

Rebekah Meja, Mykayla K. Hayden, Scott F. Clark, Joshua R. Guy, Debra E. Heidenberg, Lamont M. Lee, Sr., Mahree E. Annan, Breanna M. Shewbert

3. MAIN AGENDA ITEM

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Request to hold Public Hearing on Resolution to Establish St. Mary's County Police Accountability Board and St. Mary's County Administrative Charging Committee

I move to approve and authorize the Office of the County Attorney to schedule a public hearing for March 1, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. to consider the Resolution to Establish the St. Mary's County Police Accountability Board and the St. Mary's County Administrative Charging Committee.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

B. DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE - Request for Public Hearing - Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance

I move to hold a public hearing on March 1, 2022, at 9:30 a.m for authorizing a \$4.0 million supplemental appropriation for FY2022 grant/revenue funds.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

4. LEGISLATION

A. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Legislative Updates

MOTION 1: I move to approve SB 337/HB 144 – Motor Fuel Tax Rates – Consumer Price Index Adjustment – Repeal and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support to House and Senate Committees.

Motion by Commissioner Eric Colvin, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.
Final Resolution: Motion Carries
Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan
Not Present at Vote: Commissioner O'Connor

MOTION 2: I move to approve HB 506/SB 603 – Constitutional Amendment – Beer and Wine Licenses – Retail Grocery Establishments and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support to the House and Senate Committees.

No Vote

MOTION 3: I move to repeal letters of opposition to SB 250/HB 325 – State and Local Procurement – Payment Practices and approve and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support with the amendments offered by MACO to House and Senate Committees for SB 250/HB 325.

No Vote

MOTION 4: I move to approve HB 602 – Board of Public Works – Sotterley Plantation – Operating Grant, and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support to House and Senate Committees.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 5: I move to oppose HB 226/SB 577 - Public Schools – Self–Contained Special Education Classroom – Use of Video Recording Devices and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of opposition to House and Senate Committees.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Hewitt, Morgan

Nay: Commissioners Colvin, O'Connor

MOTION 6: I move to approve SB 567 - Property Tax - Agriculture Use Assessment - Improvements and authorize the Commissioner President to sign the letters of support to House and Senate Committees.

Motion by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

MOTION 7: I move to approve HB 562 - Consumer Protection - Right to Repair - Farm Equipment and authorize the Commissioner President to sign letters of support to House and Senate Committees.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

Not Present at Vote: Commissioner Guy

5. COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

A. DRAFT AGENDAS FOR FEBRUARY 15 AND MARCH 1, 2022. There will be no meeting of the Commissioners on February 22, 2022

B. DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS - FY2022 Program Open Space Local Parks and Playground Infrastructure Replacement Project Application

I move to approve the Program Open Space, Local Parks and Playgrounds Infrastructure Funding development application for the athletic field lights project Dorsey Park and authorize the Commissioner president to sign all related documents.

Motion by Commissioner Michael L. Hewitt, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

C. OFFICE OF THE COUNTY ATTORNEY - Youth Advisory Committee

I move to repeal Resolution 2020-33 and dissolve the St. Mary's County Youth Advisory Committee.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Todd B. Morgan.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

6. COMMISSIONERS' TIME

The Commissioners highlighted events attended over the past week and provided general comments.

MOTION TO ENTER INTO CLOSED SESSION

I move to enter into Closed Session to discuss Personnel.

Motion by Commissioner John E. O'Connor, second by Commissioner Eric Colvin.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Commissioners Guy, Colvin, Hewitt, Morgan, O'Connor

7. CLOSED SESSION

A. PERSONNEL

Present: James R. Guy, President

Eric Colvin, Commissioner

Michael L. Hewitt, Commissioner

Todd B. Morgan, Commissioner

John E. O'Connor, Commissioner

Catherine Pratson, Director Human Resources

David Weiskopf, Acting Co-County Administrator

Sharon Ferris, Recorder

Authority: §9-512(a)(1) of the Local Government Article of the Annotated Code of Maryland

Time Held: 11:07 a.m. - 11:27 a.m.

Location: Commissioners Meeting Room

Purpose: To consider or discuss the appointment of a member of a public agency or employee.

8. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at approximately 11:27.

Minutes approved by the Commissioners of St. Mary's County on February 15, 2022.

JB
Julie Burch, Senior Admin Coordinator